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Hans Ulrich Rudel has told friends that, despite statements to the contrary, he has as yet given no assurances to the German Reich Party (Deutsche Reichspartei) (DRP) that he will actively participate in the leadership of that party when he returns to Germany. The publisher of Rudel's book, Insidien (Nevertheless), Wolfgang Schmets, who collaborates closely with DRP Chairman Alfred von Thadden, has offered to make Rudel a partner in his publishing house, Plesco Verlag of Goettingen. Rudel is negotiating with leaders of other rightist groups as well, among them Karl Heinz Priester of the German Social Movement (DSB). According to DSB leaders, Priester has proposed that he and Rudel establish a publishing firm and has urged Rudel not to join any present political group, but rather to rally around him World War II veterans who are opposed to Bonn policies.

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